

P-407, 421/CP-87-216 ORDER SETTING COMMENT PERIODS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the
Cannon Falls Exchange for
Extended Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

ISSUE DATE: December 17, 1990
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 26, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION OF JUNE 20, 1989 ORDER IN LIGHT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE § 237.161 (1990). In the Matter of the Petitions of Certain Subscribers in the Exchanges of Zimmerman, Prescott, Waconia, Belle Plaine, North Branch, Lindstrom, New Prague, Cambridge, Hudson, Houlton, LeSueur, Cannon Falls, Delano, Northfield, Buffalo and Watertown for Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area, Docket No. P-421, 405, 407, 430, 426, 520, 427/CI-87-76. In that Order the Commission directed the telephone companies serving each of the exchanges, plus the telephone companies serving the existing metro calling area, to submit cost studies and proposed rates for Extended Area Service (EAS) for certain of the petitioning exchanges, including Cannon Falls.

On August 20, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING THE FILING OF TRAFFIC STUDIES AND GRANTING TIME EXTENSION. In that Order the Commission found that Contel of Minnesota, the local exchange company (LEC) serving Cannon Falls, and the LEC's serving the metropolitan calling area needed further information in order to file their studies. The Commission found that these companies needed point-to-point traffic information for calls from Cannon Falls to the metro area and from the metro calling area to Cannon Falls. This information was only available from the interexchange carriers (IXC's) serving Cannon Falls and the metro area. The Commission therefore ordered these IXC's to file their point-to-point traffic information by December 18, 1990. The telephone companies serving the Cannon Falls and metropolitan exchanges were ordered to file their cost studies and proposed rates within 45 days of the receipt of the traffic information.

In a filing dated November 26, 1990, the Department of Public Service (the Department) requested an extension to its 45 day time limit for filing reports on various exchanges, including Cannon Falls. The Department felt that time extensions would be necessary for it to review adequately the various updated cost study and proposed rate filings.

The matter came before the Commission on December 4, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Department's request for an extension of time to comment on the Cannon Falls cost studies and proposed rates is premature and should not be granted at this time. Point-to-point traffic studies are not due from the IXC's until December 18, 1990. At that time, the telephone companies serving the Cannon Falls exchange and the metropolitan area will have 45 days in which to file their cost studies and proposed rates. Only when this information has been filed will the Department be able to file its report and recommendation concerning the Cannon Falls exchange.

The Commission will allow the Department 45 days from the telephone companies' required filing date in which to file its comments. A report and recommendation from the Department will therefore be due on or before March 18, 1991.

ORDER

1. The Department shall file a report and recommendation regarding the cost studies and proposed rates filed for the Cannon Falls exchange on or before March 18, 1991.
2. Parties may file comments on the Department's report and recommendation through April 8, 1991.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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